

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claim 1 has been amended to be in a form which is considered to be a generic claim and new dependent claim 9 has been added corresponding to a feature previously recited in claim 1.

The requirement for election of one of the alleged patentably distinct species of the claimed invention identified by the Examiner as Group I - claims 1, 3 - 5 and 7 - 8, Figures 1 - 6B; and Group II - Claims 2 and 6, Figures 7 - 9; such requirement is traversed in that contrary to the Examiner's position that "no claim is generic", claim 1, as amended is considered to be a generic claim, and as recognized by the Examiner upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species.

Since claim 1 is considered to be a generic claim, and such claim has not been rejected, applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable, such that the requirement for election should be withdrawn.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I which includes claim 1 which is considered to be a generic claim, claims 3 - 5 and 7 - 8, as indicated by the Examiner and new dependent claim 9.

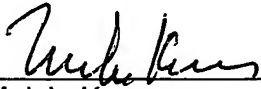
For the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the election requirement and favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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